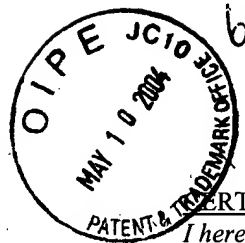


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 19, 2004, please reconsider the rejection based upon the following remarks.